

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

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Serial No. **10/712,838**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INSTALLING A CARPETING
TACK STRIP**

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Art Unit: **3721**

Examiner: **Paul R. Durand**

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action issued in the above identified application on August 24, 2004. Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the subject of the invention and the assessment of the prior art.

Applicant herein amends the claims by canceling claims 1 and 14 through 20. Applicant adds new claim 21 and amends original claims 2 through 12 to be dependent, ultimately, therefrom.

Applicant amends the claims under the Revised Format by providing full pages of marked-up claims and a scanable copy of the amended claims.